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SHOW CASE, IN PARTICULAR FOR
DISPLAYING SHOES OR THE LIKE

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Sir:

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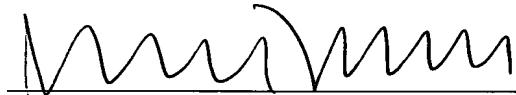
A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were discovered during any searches they or their client had made, or that they were considered in the preparation of the application.

As to DE-OS No. 25 29 198: Such a show case makes it possible to place one shoe of a pair of the tilted shelf plate, and the other on the horizontal shelf plate underneath. A show case of this kind is disclosed in DE-OS No. 25 29 198. A disadvantage of this known show case consists in the fact, that the pivotably tilted shelf plate is supported on the horizontal shelf plate located below, in the region of its front edge. This makes it possible, to select the slope of

the tiled shelf plate independent of its distance from the horizontal shelf plate. On the contrary, the show case disclosed in DE-OS No. 25 29 198 has the disadvantage, that the distance between the horizontal and the tilted shelf plates corresponding to a specific slope is set once and for all, so that this distance must be selected considering the larges sized pair of shoes.

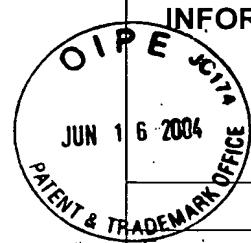
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